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The following is a translation of a copy of a letter from Seifert, Vice-President of the German Administration of the Interior to Lt. Col. Golovlev, Directorate for Internal Affairs, Soviet Military Administration (UVD, SVAG), Berlin-Karlshorst.

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Berlin-Karlshorst

SUBJECT: Temporary Financing of "Alert" Police from the Budget
for 1948.

The German Administration of the Interior is at this time faced with the urgent task of organizing and developing the "Alert" Police. In order to pay the newly employed personnel (of the "Alert" Police) we must utilize all unused appropriations which were to be expended during the budget year 1948 for the payment of police personnel. These unused appropriations are available because the police is well under strength. It has been established that roughly 15,000 positions prescribed by the Table of Organization are presently unoccupied, as a result of the great difficulty we are encountering in finding the appropriate number of personnel for the police service.

As it stands, however, the budget regulations do not permit the full utilization of the unexpended appropriations. Under the regulations, payment of an individual must be made only on the basis of an available T/O position. Most of the available T/O slots, however, call for "Wachtmeister (patrolman) -- thus a considerable proportion of the now-to-be-employed "Alert" Police cannot be paid from these T/O appropriations because of their higher rank (including generals), which requires pay in excess of the appropriations.

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Thus it is essential that the German Administration of the Interior be authorized to make emergency expenditures within the limits of the total amount available as a result of unoccupied T/O positions for which appropriations have already been made.

We request your approval and also request that you secure approval for this plan from the Finance Directorate of the SMA. To secure adequate control of unexpended appropriated funds, we plan the establishment of a special accounting section, which will see to it that the money will be used most carefully. This special accounting section will also prevent the expenditure of these personnel appropriations for any other purpose. This being the case, it will be necessary to get your approval for the following: In order to purchase the necessary equipment and pay for the renovation of barracks, etc., which are essential for the "Alert" Police we need authority to obtain from the Chiefs of Police in the Laender all unexpended sums which were foreseen for the purchase of equipment and other material improvements. The special authority is again needed because here too the budget regulation prevent the expenditure of appropriations for any other than appropriated purpose.

The above proposals of the German Administration of the Interior represent only a temporary solution, until such time as the new overall budget and a Table of Organization for the "Alert" Police is finally approved.

Signed: Seifert
Vice-President

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(~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment: The "Alert" Police was previously referred to as "Para-military Police". The official German title is "Polizeibereitschaften".)

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